

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1 - 11 (canceled).

12. (currently amended) A method of ~~constructing a temporary platform or roadway to~~ supporting heavy objects over infirm terrain while minimizing damage to said terrain comprising:

filling a plurality of gabion containers with a light-weight filler material; ~~said gabion containers being constructed with flexible wire mesh;~~

~~connecting the one or~~ arranging a plurality of gabion containers ~~to each other to form one or a plurality of gabion layers on top of the infirm terrain;~~ said layer or layers having a top surface;

~~overlaying~~ placing one or a plurality of panels on the top surface to ~~form the platform or roadway~~ receive the heavy objects.

13. (original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.

14. (original) The method set forth in claim 13, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.

15. (original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper.

16. (original) The method set forth in claim 15, wherein the wrapper consists of a fabric.

17 - 25 (canceled).

26. (new) A method of minimizing damage to wetlands areas caused by heavy equipment during construction or maintenance projects comprising:

filling a plurality of gabion containers with a light-weight filler material; said gabion containers being constructed with flexible wire mesh;

arranging a plurality of gabion containers to form one or a plurality of horizontal gabion layers over the infirm terrain; said layer or layers having a top surface;

placing one or a plurality of panels on the top surface to distribute the weight of the heavy equipment.